

Claims

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1. A glove for goal keepers which includes:

a) an inner hand part, which substantially covers at least the inner side of a hand,

10 b) at least one outer hand part which at least substantially covers the outside of the hand;

c) wherein the inner hand part is of one-piece, and

15 d) wherein the inner hand part has a thumb area which encloses the thumb.

2. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, in which the thumb area possesses an inner thumb area and an outer thumb area, which are connected as a single piece by means of a transition area, and at a tip region associated with the tip of the thumb, as well as at least one adjacent edge region associated with a longitudinal side of the thumb, the said thumb areas are connected with one another, preferably by stitching.

25 3. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 2, wherein the edge region on which the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are bound together, are placed on a longitudinal inner side of the thumb area, which is proximal to the index finger part of the inner hand part of the thumb area.

30 4. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 2, wherein the edge regions on which the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are bound together, are placed on a longitudinal outer side of the thumb area, which is distal to or remote from the index finger part of the inner hand part of the thumb area.

5. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 2, wherein the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are essentially congruent.
6. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 2, wherein the thumb area,
5 especially in the transition area, between the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area, possesses at least one predetermined, particularly impressed, folding edge.
7. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part
10 consists of a latex material.
8. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part consists of a material based on synthetic rubber.
- 15 9. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are bound together along their edges.
10. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are bound together along their edges by means of a at
20 least one separate side piece therebetween.
11. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are stitched together along their edges by means of a at least one separate side piece therebetween.
- 25 12. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are bound together along their edges by means of a at least one separate strip therebetween.
- 30 13. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the outer hand part is designed as a single piece.
14. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the outer hand part includes a reinforcement which is overlaid and which is especially designed as a

flat piece and which is slightly smaller than the outer hand part and exhibits a greater rigidity than does the outer hand part.

15. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance claim 1, wherein the inner hand part
5 possesses an extension which projects from the thumb area, especially being connected to the thumb area side remote from the inner thumb area but contingent to the outer thumb area, and which said extension covers an area behind the thumb area, particularly on the side remote from the palm area in the direction toward the back-of-hand-bone belonging to the index finger.
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16. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 15, wherein an edge of the extension of the inner hand part forms a prolongation of the outer edge of the index finger area which is remote from the middle finger area, so that at the index finger side and the thumb side of the inner hand part, a continuous and even edge of the border of the inner hand part is formed.
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17. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 15, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are stitched together by means of a single continuous and peripherally running seam, which said seam is preferably essentially in one plane, which seam extends itself also over the said edge of the extension and connects the extension with the outer hand part or the side piece respectively.
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18. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 1, wherein the inner hand part
25 between the index finger area and the thumb area exhibits a recess.
19. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 15, wherein the inner hand part between the index finger area and the thumb area exhibits a recess and on the edge area of the recess an edge region of the extension is stitched.
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20. A glove for goalkeepers in accordance with claim 15, wherein the inner hand part between the index finger area and the thumb area exhibits a recess and on the edge area of the recess an edge region of the extension is stitched, forming a single seam with the thumb area.

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21. A process for the manufacture of a goalkeeper's glove, wherein said process has the following steps:

- a) the making available or the manufacture of an outer hand part;
- 5 b) the making available or the manufacture of an inner hand part, which is designed as a flat, one-piece item having pre-finger areas, a palm area and a thumb area contingent with the said palm area, which said thumb area includes an inner thumb area and an outer thumb area connected to the said inner thumb area by a transition area; and
- 10 c) the making of a closed thumb area from the inner hand part by uniting, preferably by stitching together, of the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area on their edges which lie outside of the transition area.

15 22. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are connected together along the edges.

23. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner hand part and the outer hand part are connected together along the edges by means of at least one side piece.

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24. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area are stitched together by a single, continuous seam along the tip area and along a contiguous edge.

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25. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area, prior to the binding or connecting or the stitching, are bent over in the transition area or, especially bent along one of impressed folding edges lines, and are overlapped or laid one upon the other.

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26. A process in accordance with claim 25, wherein the inner hand part is additionally provided with an extension which extension advantageously is attached to the outer thumb area, wherein the extension, upon the production of the closed thumb area, on one hand side is stitched at an edge with the inner

hand part underneath the index finger area, advantageously at a recess, the stitching being advantageously with the same seam or the same stitching step as in the case of the stitching of the inner thumb area and the outer thumb area, and on the other hand side, the said extension is stitched at a contiguous edge with the outer hand part or the side part, and advantageously so stitched as to form the same seam with which the outer hand part or the side part or parts are stitched in the remaining areas.

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5 27. A process for the manufacture of a goalkeeper's glove which said process
10 comprises the following steps:

- a) the making available or the making of an outer hand part;
- b) the making available or the making of an inner hand part;
- c) the bringing together of the outer hand part and the inner hand part;
- 15 d) wherein the inner hand part exhibits a thumb area, which is provided for the full enclosure of the thumb.

28. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner hand part is made by cutting out of flat work piece;

20 29. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner hand part is composed of flexible material which has a grippable surface and/or of latex and of synthetic rubber.